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Since the most common of all the contracts of our day, the labor contract, is not known of, either as a contract for service or for labor, the only possibility which ageing people have of getting the necessary labor to enable them to live is purchase. The expression "purchase" gives the wrong impression, and is merely used for the sake of brevity. Just as the price paid for a bride is compensation paid to the family for the loss of labor, so the purchase of children is more a question of adoption by compromise with the physical parents. Children thus acquired are considered real members of the family, and are in no way treated as slaves. For example, it never happens that a girl is bought for sexual purposes. The children are said never to run away. If they did, their family would have to pay back the money which they received for them.